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SUBJECT: KING HASSAN'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MOROCCAN NON-OFFICIAL TRANSLATION
OF KING HASSAN'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER REGARDING
CAMP DAVID SUMMIT. MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR BENGELLOUN
PRESENTED LETTER TO UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM AUGUST 21.
SEPTTEL FOLLOWS ON BRIEF DISCUSSION BETWEEN BENGELLOUN AND
NEWSOM.

2. QUOTE: MR. PRESIDENT: WE HAVE RECEIVED YOUR LETTER
DATED THE 16TH OF AUGUST 1978, THE CONTENT OF WHICH
ATTRACTED OUR ATTENTION FOR MORE THAN ONE REASON.

WE REALIZE AND APPRECIATE ALL THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUR
INITIATIVE TO INVITE PRESIDENT SADAT AND PRIME MINISTER
BEGIN TO MEET WITH YOU IN ORDER TO SEEK AND PERHAPS TO
LAY DOWN AT LEAST THE FIRST STEPS WHICH WILL CONSTITUTE
THE BASIS FOR A SO MUCH HOPED FOR PEACE.

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WHEN PRESIDENT SADAT UNDERTOOK HIS TRIP TO JERUSALEM, WE
WERE THE FIRST, AND FOR LONG, THE ONLY ONE TO ENDORSE IT
FULLY WITHOUT HESITATION OR RESERVATION.

WE DID SO BECAUSE WE HAD IN TIME UNDERSTOOD THE FAR-
REACHING DIMENSION OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEARCH FOR AND

BUILD UP AT LAST A JUST, DURABLE AND PERMANENT PEACE
TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF ALL THE
PARTIES CONCERNED.

NEVERTHELESS WE REMAIN SUFFICIENTLY LUCID AND REALISTIC
ENOUGH TO KNOW THAT THE ROAD TO PEACE WAS NOT FOR ALL
THAT FREE FROM THORNS AND THAT OBSTACLES, STILL ALMOST
INSURMOUNTABLE, WOULD NOT FAIL TO RISE.

BUT WE COUNTED ON MEN'S INTELLIGENCE AND THE DYNAMIC
PROCESS OF THIS INCIPIENT MOVEMENT TO COPE WITH THESE
OBSTACLES.

IN FACT WE COUNTED MOSTLY, AND WE STILL COUNT ON YOUR OWN
CONTRIBUTION, AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES THAT YOU
WILL DETERMINE TO BRING BY SETTING IN MOTION AND REALIZING
THIS ENTERPRISE WHICH HISTORY WILL NOT FAIL TO RECORD
AMONG YOUR MOST GLORIOUS PAGES.

SINCE YOU ARE PRIMARILY CONCERNED AND BECAUSE OF THE
ROLE THAT YOU ARE CALLED UPON TO PLAY IN THIS GREAT TASK,
IT IS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE WHILE CONSIDERING THE AMERICAN
CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS REGARDING THE PRESIDENTIAL
TERM OF OFFICE TO TAKE FULL ACCOUNT OF TIME-FACTOR IN THE
PRESENT RACE FOR PEACE.

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WE ARE THEN LED TO THINK AND BELIEVE THAT YOU DID NOT
NEGLECT THIS FACTOR AND THAT YOU TOOK IT INTO CONSIDERA-
TION WHEN YOU TOOK THE INITIATIVE TO CONVENE AND BRING
TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION THE CAMP DAVID CONFERENCE.

AND WHILST WE ASSURE YOU OF OUR SYMPATHY AND UNDERSTANDING
WE HOPE THAT THIS CONFERENCE WILL BE CROWNED WITH SUCCESS;
WE ARE ALSO ANXIOUS TO URGE YOU, OWING TO THE FRIENDLY
LINKS WHICH UNITE US, THAT THE OUTCOME OF THIS CONFERENCE
AND ITS CONSEQUENCES DEPEND TO A LARGE EXTENT ON YOUR
WILL-POWER AND YOUR DETERMINATION AS WELL AS THE ROLE YOU
WILL UNDERTAKE.

PLEASE ACCEPT, MR. PRESIDENT, THE ASSURANCE OF OUR
HIGHEST ESTEEM AND CONSIDERATION. HASSAN II, KING OF
MOROCCO. CHRISTOPHER

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